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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. A. W. Marshall
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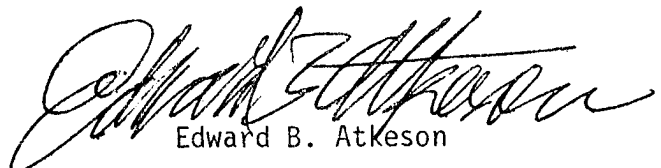
SUBJECT : Matters of Mutual Concern []

REFERENCE : Your Memorandum of 14 December, Subject:
Implications of LAMM Extended []

1. I appreciate your comments on widening the LAMM data base project and agree that LAMM offers considerable potential as a model for non-Warsaw Pact force analyses. I also appreciate your judgment of the high priority which should be given to the extension of the existing data base to non-Soviet Warsaw Pact forces. This is in full accord with our thinking. One of our major objectives for 1983 is to prepare a new National Intelligence Estimate on the Warning of War []

[] it and several other projects in our 1983 Production Plan (attached) will draw directly upon the LAMM data base. []

2. I should like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to another matter which I believe merits being addressed by both the defense and intelligence communities. As you are aware, the Soviet ground and air forces have undergone fundamental organizational changes in recent years, and the Soviets have begun experimenting with a new offensive concept involving the formation of Operational Maneuver Groups. These developments are taking place as the US Army begins to implement its new offensive doctrine and concepts for the "Airland Battle" and SACEUR institutes his ideas for an improved conventional defense. I believe an assessment of the potential clash between opposing doctrines and force trends would be quite timely, but would require a cooperative effort between the analytical and intelligence communities. I would be most interested in exploring with you the best way to approach this problem. []


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